

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 17, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,515,974 (Inoue).

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 18-24 and the indication that claims 3-8 and 11-16 contain allowable subject matter but were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejection of those claims moot. Each of claims 3-5 and 7 have been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the claim scope *unchanged*, to place each claim in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 10 is also allowable over Inoue. Note that claim 10 recites the translation of a private network address in the header portion and in the *payload portion* of a packet to a public network address. As acknowledged by the Office Action in indicating that claims 3 and 18 contain allowable subject matter, Inoue does not teach translation of a private network address in a payload section of a packet to a public network address. The cited passage (col. 9, lines 46-61) of Inoue describes conventional network address translation in which the source and destination addresses in a *header* portion of a packet is translated. Therefore, claim 10 is not anticipated by Inoue.

Independent claim 25 now recites performing a translation of a private network address and a public network address associated with a Serving General packet radio service Support Node, which is a feature not disclosed by Inoue. This fact is conceded to by the Office Action in the indication that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter.


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In view of the foregoing, all claims are now in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0090US).

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